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MEMORANDUM FOR JEANNE DAVIS

FROM: Jon Howe/9/

SUBJECT: Backgrounder

The following background information is needed by close of business this evening for Mr. Kissinger's use in preparing for his background presentation. The idea is to provide brief background information for his reference and there is not need for lengthy memoranda. Areas for which information is requested are:

- Poland (status report, chronology of events, implications.)
- NATO Ministerial (brief statement of US NATO policy and agreements reached with Allies)
- Jordan Crisis (chronology of crisis, implications at this time)
- Romania/Yugoslavia (examples of strengthening relations during past year through trade, scientific and cultural agreements, etc.) V.S.T.
- Peterson Recommendations and President's September 15 Proposal for Reorganization of American Aid Programs. (brief summary of major points in each and present status)
- Oceans Policy and Nuclear Weapons on Seabeds Treaty (brief summary of President's May 23 proposal and major points in treaty on implantation of nuclear weapons on the seabeds including status of proposal and treaty)
- SALT (brief chronology, progress made to date, US position, principle problems and outlook)
- Vietnam Peace Moves (brief summary of April 20 principles, Bruce appointment, October 7 speech, December 10 POW offer, etc.)

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- POWs (brief summary of efforts made and present POW policy and offer to the other side.)
- Infiltration (facts on enemy infiltration during the past year)
- Mideast Ceasefire (chronology of Rogers' peace plan, examples of Egypt/Soviet violations, present policy)
- Soviet Strategic Weapons Buildup (estimate of what enemy has done in the past year including MIRV development and recent reports of SS-9 slowdown.)
- Soviet Military in the Mideast (examples of increased Soviet combat presence in the Middle East.)
- Cuba (brief chronology of major events associated with Soviet ship movements and possible construction of submarine base.)
- Indian Ocean (examples of increased Soviet interest, present US plans, e. g. Diego Garcia, and status of studies)
- Chile (chronology of events during 1970 plus statement of present US policy, as in NSDM)